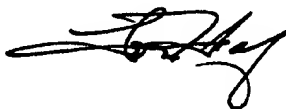


23. The method of Claim 21, and, if the destination address entered at the personal data assistant is an address on a computer network, initiating a connection to a forwarding facility by the host interface portion dialing a pre-established address for accessing a server, to open a communication line between the host interface portion and the forwarding facility, and releasing the communication line for direct connection between the forwarding facility and the fax function.

#### REMARKS

Applicant courteously solicits acceptance of the above Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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